

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : VEHICLE WHEEL WITH EASILY ACCESSIBLE INFLATION  
VALVE (*As Amended*)  
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Examiner : Russell D. Stormer  
Docket No. : 82062-0176  
Customer No. : 24633

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application. One copy of each of documents A2-A5 is submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the period specified in §1.97(b), but before a Notice of Allowance under §1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, whichever occurs first.

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1349 the amount of \$180.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c).

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449. The references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were, in some instances, first cited in the attached International Search Report dated January 16, 2004, in related International Application No. PCT/IT2003/000249.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as "prior art" against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.

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